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of trouble and persecution; then will come peace and prosperity. Some time during the latter period I will return."

He went south, taking with him a wife. As they journeyed, the woman was playing with two pebbles, tossing them up and catching them. Near the boundary of Old Mexico, on the Rio Grande, the pebbles went up, and came down huge bowlders. They are there yet.

In the south he ruled over a more powerful people, and now and then the Pueblo people used to hear of his greatness. But at last the Spaniards invaded his domain, and though he met them in person, he could not withstand them. They pressed him so closely that he jumped into a lake and escaped through one of its subterranean passages. No one knows where he went; but he will come again, as he said he would. This is the time of peace of which he told them, and he may soon be here.

Miss True told Francesco that Montezuma had been killed by the Spaniards; and he became greatly disturbed, pacing the floor, rubbing his hair, and vehemently declaring, "It's a lie, a d—d Mexican lie! . . . If you don't believe this story, I can show you the big rocks on the Mexican border. I have seen them many times."

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A KWAKIUTL FRAGMENT. — Klalis (Whale-on-the-Beach), living near Puget Sound, gave me the following about the thunder-bird.

A man Thunder-Bird, ancestor of all the Thunder-Birds and of the Indian gens of that name, lived on a mountain on the shore of the Sound. When he pulled down the visor of his cap, it became a beak, and he was a bird. When he pushed up the beak, it became a visor, and he was a man. It thundered and lightened all the time in those days, and the people were much oppressed by it.

But the Thunder-Man had children, and he began to fear that they might fall off the mountain and be killed. So he changed his family into birds, and they flew down to the valley to live.

He and one of his sons flew across the Inlet to fish for salmon. The fishing was poor. A man living on that side of the Inlet came to him, and said, —

"What are you doing here? This is my land."

"It is my land, too," said the Thunder-Man.

"You cannot live here," said the man.

"Where shall I go?" asked the Thunder-Man.

"Go up the river, where the fishing is good."

So the Thunder-Man got a canoe and took all his family and his goods up the river; and there he lived, and became the progenitor of the Thunder-Bird gens of Indians. But he sent two of his children back to live on the mountain-peak, telling them never to make thunder except when some of that gens was dying.

Since that time it seldom thunders and lightens around Puget Sound; but whenever it does, one of the Thunder-Bird family dies. And if any one looks up into the sky when it is thundering, he will die.¹

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¹ This is the tradition of one of the Nimkish clans. — ED.